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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph 2, page 13, as follows:

The preferred positioning of seal 38 proximate to peripheral edge 29 of device 10 enables formation of a substantially airtight zone 42 between inner surface 22 of device 10 and the neck of a user. Preferably, valve 44 and valve cover 44a is provided on support member 20, wherein valve 44 is configured to permit one-way passage of air from airtight zone 42, thus enabling the creation of a negative pressure or vacuum between inner surface 22 of device 10 and the neck of a user, that is, within airtight zone 42.